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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (withdrawn): A decorative multilayer material comprising a breathable decorative

layer and a breathable material laminated onto one of the surfaces of the breathable decorative

layer.

2. (withdrawn): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 1, wherein the

breathable material is a multilayer fiber composite prepared by laminating layers of fibers.

3. (withdrawn): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 2, wherein the

ratio of the fibers lying in the direction of the plane of the multilayer fiber composite (planar

ratio) is at least 50% of all fibers.

4. (previously presented): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 2,

wherein the ratio (crossing ratio) between the amount of fibers lying in the machine direction of

the multilayer fiber composite and the amount of fibers lying in a direction crossing the machine

direction is in the range of 50% to 200%.

5. (withdrawn): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 1, wherein a

substantially unbreathable film is interposed between the breathable decorative layer and the

breathable material to form an integral composite.

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6. (withdrawn): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 5, wherein the

thickness of the substantially unbreathable film is 10 to 50  $\mu m$ .

7. (currently amended): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 1,

wherein a breathable sheet or film having through holes is interposed between the breathable

decorative layer and the breathable material, and wherein the diameter of the through holes is

from 0.5mm to 10mm.

8. (original): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 7, wherein the

interfacial bonding strength between the breathable sheet or film having the through holes and

the decorative layer and that between the breathable sheet or film having the through holes and

the breathable material are each 3 N/25 mm (width) or more in a 180° peel test.

9. (canceled).

10. (withdrawn): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 1, wherein the

breathable decorative layer and/or the breathable material comprises a nonwoven cloth.

11. (withdrawn): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 1, wherein the

breathable decorative layer and/or the breathable material comprises polyester fibers.

12. (withdrawn): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 1, wherein the

breathable decorative layer and/or the breathable material comprises natural fibers or reclaimed

fibers

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13. (withdrawn): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 1, wherein the

breathable decorative layer and/or the breathable material comprises heat-bondable fibers.

14. (withdrawn): A laminate for interior materials, comprising a laminated closed-cell

foam material and the decorative multilayer material according to claim 1 laminated thereon.

15. (withdrawn): The laminate for interior materials according to claim 14, wherein the

laminated closed-cell foam material comprises a polyphenylene ether resin.

16. (previously presented): The decorative multilayer material according to claim 3,

wherein the ratio (crossing ratio) between the amount of fibers lying in the machine direction of

the multilayer fiber composite and the amount of fibers lying in a direction crossing the machine

direction is in the range of 50% to 200%.

17. (canceled).

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